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SUBJECT: WEEKLY STATUS REPORT - VIETNAM, LAOS AND CAMBODIA

1. VIETNAM

NATIONAL DAY (LOU)

PRIME MINISTER PHAM VAN DONG'S NATIONAL DAY (SEPT 2) SPEECH
CONFIRMS THAT AGRICULTURE NOW HAS THE SRV'S FULL ATTENTION.
DONG BLAMED A COMBINATION OF BAD WEATHER AND HUMAN FAILURE
FOR VIETNAM'S CURRENT FARM CRISIS. HIS SPEECH SUGGESTED
HARSHER ENFORCEMENT FOR ECONOMIC CRIMES AND GREATER INTOLER-
ANCE OF DISSENT.

DONG REAFFIRMED THE RESOLUTION OF THE JUNE 21-JULY 4 CENTRAL
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COMMITTEE PLENUM UNDERLINING THE NECESSITY FOR A TRANSFORMA-
TION TO "LARGE-SCALE SOCIALIST PRODUCTION" IN AGRICULTURE.
TWO KEY EFFORTS SEEK TO DOUBLE HECTARAGE UNDER CULTIVATION
(TO 10 MILLION HA.) BY 1985, AND BRING CARBOHYDRATE SUB-
STITUTES (MANIOC, SWEET POTATOES) TO EQUAL DIETARY IMPORT-
ANCE WITH RICE.

OTHER VIETNAMESE REPORTS INDICATE THAT AGRICULTURE IS IN FOR MAJOR STRUCTURAL CHANGES. IN THE NORTH, FULL IMPLEMENTATION

OF HIGHER LEVEL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION COOPERATIVES IS IN THE WORKS, IMPLYING THE ABOLITION OF PRIVATE PLOTS. IN THE SOUTH MUCH IS MADE OF EMBRYONIC STAGES OF COLLECTIVIZATION, SUCH AS THE CREATION OF SOLIDARITY TEAMS FOR PRODUCTION. PARTY SECRETARY-GENERAL LE DUAN CHOSE TO BE IN SAIGON FOR NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS, FURTHER EVIDENCE THAT THE SOUTH IS SLATED FOR MAJOR ATTENTION.

IN VIENTIANE, THE VIETNAMESE DEPARTED FROM CUSTOMARY PROCEDURE BY INVITING OUR CHARGE TO ATTEND A PHOTO EXHIBITION SPONSORED BY THE LAO-VIETNAMESE FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION ON VIETNAMESE NATIONAL DAY. AT OUR INSTRUCTION, CHARGE CORCORAN ATTENDED.

2. LAOS (CONF)

REFUGEES/EMIGRANTS FROM LAOS

EMBASSY VIENTIANE REPORTS SOME EVIDENCE THAT THE LAO MAY HAVE BEGUN A NEW POLICY OF ALLOWING SOME PERSONS TO EMIGRATE AFTER PAYING A LARGE FEE IN THAI (HARD) CURRENCY AND HAVING THEIR LAO PROPERTY CONFISCATED. THE LAO PROVIDE NO TRAVEL DOCUMENTS. ON SEPTEMBER 3, 25 CHINESE AND LAO WENT
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THROUGH THE LAO BORDER POST AT THA DEUA IN THIS FASHION BUT WERE TURNED BACK BY THE THAI. THEY WERE REPORTEDLY NOT ARRESTED ON THEIR RETURN TO LAOS BUT ARE NOW STATELESS, PROPERTYLESS AND STILL HOPING TO GET TO THAILAND. THAI AUTHORITIES SAY THAT AN EARLIER GROUP OF 69 LAO WHO ARRIVED IN THAILAND AUGUST 30 "BOUGHT THEIR WAY OUT OF LAOS." IT APPEARS THAT THE LAO GOVERNMENT MAY HAVE DECIDED ON A POLICY OF LETTING SOME RELATIVELY "WEALTHY" PEOPLE BUY THEIR WAY OUT. IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHAT WILL ULTIMATELY HAPPEN TO SUCH PERSONS IF NO COUNTRY IS WILLING TO TAKE THEM. FOR MOST LAO, THE REPORTED FEE (BETWEEN 1000-3000 BAHT, U.S. DOLLARS 50-150 AT THE OFFICIAL EXCHANGE RATE) IS OUT OF THE QUESTION.

3. CAMBODIA

BURMESE DELEGATION VISITS PHNOM PENH (UNC)

AT THE INVITATION OF THE CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT A BURMESE DELEGATION LED BY FOREIGN MINISTER U HLA PHONE VISITED PHNOM

PENH AUGUST 30-SEPTEMBER 3. THE BURMESE VISIT FOLLOWED

IENG SARY'S OFFICIAL VISIT TO BURMA IN MARCH.
IT IS THE FIRST HIGH-LEVEL NON-COMMUNIST VISIT TO PHNOM
PENH THIS YEAR. WE UNDERSTAND THE MALAYSIAN FOREIGN
MINISTER'S VISIT TO PHNOM PENH MAY BE SCHEDULED LATER THIS
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